

ENVIRONMENTAL Fact Sheet



Tacoma Landfill (CBSTC), Tacoma, Washington

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10

December 2004

OPERATION EXTENSION REQUESTED

The City of Tacoma has requested a second extension to operate the Tacoma Landfill through the year 2009. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Washington Department of Ecology, and the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department would like to hear your comments on the City's request.

Public Comment Period — December 17, 2004 to January 21, 2005

The City of Tacoma requests that EPA and Ecology grant a second extension for operation of the 31-acre central portion of the Tacoma Landfill. This would allow the City to operate the landfill for another five years after the current closure deadline of December 31, 2004. If approved, the City would continue placing solid waste in the central area of the landfill until the end of 2009.

EPA, the Washington Department of Ecology and the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department are currently evaluating the request for the second extension and would like your comments.

The public comment period runs from December 17 through January 21, 2005.

The City's proposal can be reviewed at locations listed on the back page.

Please send written comments or requests to:

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Site Background

The 220-acre Tacoma Landfill is part of the Commencement Bay, South Tacoma Channel Superfund site. It was added to EPA's National Priorities List in 1983. Located south of Highway 16, at the western edge of Tacoma, the site is just south of the South Center Street and South Mullen Street intersection.

During the mid 1980s, groundwater contamination (mainly volatile organic compounds) was detected near the site. Residents with contaminated wells were put on the City of

Tacoma public water system. Landfill gas was detected in neighboring residential and business soils.

The cleanup consisted of construction of a landfill cap with leak detection systems, a system to extract and treat contaminated groundwater, a landfill gas management system, monitoring systems for groundwater and landfill gas, and operational improvements of the site.

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Five-Year Reviews

Under Superfund Law, five-year reviews must be performed to ensure that the cleanup meets all requirements. The review confirmed that the cleanup is working and the remedy protects public health and the environment. It also recommended a number of actions the City should take to improve the cleanup. By early 2004, the City had completed all of the actions recommended in the 5-year review. The next review is scheduled for autumn 2007. Site documents are available at:

Information Repositories:

Tacoma Main Public Library
1102 Tacoma Ave. South, Northwest Room
Tacoma, WA 98402
253-591-5622

Citizens for a Healthy Bay
917 Pacific Avenue, Suite 100
Tacoma, WA 98402
Leslie-Ann Rose
253-383-2429

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Sixth Avenue
7th Floor Records Center
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